

Community Health Worker Advisory Committee - Meeting

May 18, 2020 - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Webinar

Draft Minutes Draft

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Welcome & Roll Call/Introductions

Tina Backe and Cheryl De Pinto provided welcome and greeting to the Advisory Committee members. Each Committee member, on the phone, introduced themselves.

Meeting Minute Approval

The Advisory Committee voted and approved the February 10, 2020 meeting minutes.

CHW Certification Program Update

Tina Backe provided information and updates on the CHW certifications, outreach and communications and the certification renewal process.

Certification Update:

- The March 31, 2020 deadline to apply for the CHW grandparenting certification has been extended to 30 days after the end of the State of Emergency.
- MDH has received 633 applications for CHW certification and has approved 533 CHW certifications.

Outreach and Communications:

- Communications to certified CHWs to assist MDH in spreading the information on the CHW certification.

Certification Renewal:

- Overview was provided on the CHW renewal process including the timeline and next steps.
- MDH will announce continued training and educational opportunities as available.

CHW Certification Training Program Accreditation Update

Tina Backe provided information and updates on the CHW certification accreditation for training programs and the training application review committee.

Accreditation Update

- Overview was provided of the MDH website including information on the training program application and key things to know about the accreditation process.
- MDH has received three training programs applications. MDH is currently in the process of reviewing these applications.
- Training programs in existence on October 1, 2018 must apply by December 31st, 2020 to be considered an accredited institution beginning October 1, 2018.
- The JSJ consulting contract has been completed and all deliverables have been provided.

Training Program Application Review Committee Update

- Overview was provided of the application review committee and the members.
- The new training program applications process began April 1, 2020.

Chronic Disease Management Training for CHWs - Proposal

Tina Backe provided information and updates on the Chronic Disease Management Training for CHWs proposals.

- The Prevention and Health Promotion Administration in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control to develop a curriculum on disease management for CHWs.
- Request for the Advisory Committee to provide feedback, reviewing or advising the submission of the application to contact Tina Backe.

Upcoming Advisory Committee Meeting and Proposed Meeting Dates

The upcoming Advisory Committee meeting will be held on August 17, 2020. MDH will confirm if this will be an in person or webinar meeting.

Comments from the Advisory Committee

- Discussion on IT struggles reaching clients during the COVID -19 crisis and the need for best practices. An example provided is working with seniors, clients without the internet and the homeless.
- Discussion on free online telehealth training that is specific to Maryland. Resources from the Advisory Committee to the group include DocMe. Discussion also on the challenges of shifting to a telehealth work model.
- Discussion on food insecurity and resources that can be provided to clients. The group suggested utilizing the CHW Facebook page as resources are posted daily.
- Discussion on contact tracing opportunities and the Maryland state contractor NORC.

Public Comment